



**U.S. Department of State
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Private Sector Exchange**

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Secondary School Student Program: Form DS-2019 Allotment for the 2010-2011 Academic Year

To assist in resource planning for the 2010/2011 academic year, the Department is prepared to provide preliminary approval, in August 2009, of the number of participants a sponsor can accept into their program for the 2010/2011 academic year. The forms will be released to sponsors in early January 2010. The Department will necessarily reserve the right to adjust the number of forms released if sponsor performance issues during the 2009/2010 academic year require administrative sanction.

The number of forms requested should be for the entire 2010/2011 academic year. The academic year is comprised of two semesters, the fall of 2010 and the spring of 2011. The number of forms allotted to sponsors for the 2010/2011 academic year must include all students expected to arrive for both the September 2010 semester and the January 2011 semester. No additional forms will be allotted for the January 2011 semester.

Our established practice for determining program size remains unchanged. The annual allotment is determined, in part, based on the number of participants that entered the United States in your program the previous year. The Department also considers projected program expansion, and the administration and performance of your program during the previous period.

PROCEDURE

No Change in Program Size

A sponsor not intending to seek program expansion for the 2010/2011 academic year should submit an allotment request in SEVIS by June 30, 2009. Preliminary approval of the number of forms to be allotted will be sent by email in August 2009. In January 2010, the Department will release an allotment of Forms DS-2019 to match the number of participants that entered the United States in the sponsor's exchange program during the 2009/2010.

Program Expansion

Sponsors who seek an increase in the number of program participants must submit an allotment request in SEVIS and provide a written justification sufficient to support the requested expansion by June 30, 2009. The justification must demonstrate the sponsor's ability to select, place, and supervise additional students, as well as assurance of the availability of schools and host families necessary to

support the expansion. In addition, to the electronic request in SEVIS, you will need to mail or fax, to the Office of Designation, the following:

- The reason for the program expansion;
- Staff increases relevant to the anticipated program increase, including before and after staffing patterns/personnel structure;
- Confirmation/assurance that the new employees/representatives have been adequately trained in order to assume their respective duties and responsibilities associated with this program expansion;
- Current financial information (including year-end financial statements/reports and a proposed business plan); and
- Any other information on how this program growth will be absorbed.

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Clear guidance for requesting an expansion is set out in the *User Manual for Exchange Visitor Program Sponsor Users (RO/ARO) of SEVIS (Volume 1 Section 2.3.1.7)* which may be found on our [website](#).

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